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Water Board to Hold Second Round of Aquifer Management Plan Public Meetings

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The Idaho Water Resource Board has scheduled public meetings in January to solicit public input for developing an Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan 'Framework' for the 2007 Legislature.

The meetings will be held:

- Idaho Falls: **Tuesday, January 16, 2007** 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.; Civic Center Auditorium (501 S. Holmes Avenue, Idaho Falls 83401)
- Pocatello: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.; Goranson Hall on the Idaho State University Campus (Fine Arts Building, 790 South 5th, Building 11, Pocatello 83209)
- Twin Falls: **Thursday, January 18, 2007** 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.; City Council Chambers (City Hall, 321 2nd Ave. East, Twin Falls 83301)

In October of 2006, the Board and CDR Associates (the Facilitation Team) held three public meetings to introduce and discuss the ESPA Framework process, and receive public input. Based on this input, interviews and public working group meetings, the Facilitation Team prepared a draft Framework. The purpose of the January meetings is to present this Framework and solicit public input. The Board will meet on January 22nd and 23rd to discuss input received and finalize the draft Framework, which will be presented to the Legislature in February.

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Meeting Format (identical for each location):

6:30 p.m.	Doors open
7:00 p.m.	Introduction by Board Representative
7:15 p.m.	Facilitation team presentation
7:45 p.m.	Comments from the public and facilitated discussion
9:00 p.m.	Meeting ends

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